

Claim 17, line 2, replace "any one of claims 13 to 16" with --claim 13--.

Please add the following claims:

--18. An osteoclast, which is obtainable by the method as claimed in claim 8.

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19. A method for screening ~~agent~~ for metabolic bone diseases, which comprises
using the osteoclast obtained by the method as claimed in claim 8.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are active in the present application. Support for Claims 18 and 19 is found in Claims 12 and 15 and the specification as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Early notification of such is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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